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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (new): A method for inhibiting complement activation in a cell comprising contacting a cell with an inhibitor which specifically blocks expression of complement component C3 so that complement activation is inhibited.

Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 21, wherein the inhibitor of complement component C3 expression is a compound 15 to 25 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding complement component C3, wherein said compound specifically hybridizes to the coding sequence of complement component C3 and inhibits the expression of complement component C3.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 22 wherein the inhibitor is a chimeric antisense oligonucleotide or comprises at

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least one modified internucleoside linkage, sugar moiety or nucleobase.